

July 22, 2011

Montana Health Care Programs Notice

Dentist, Denturist, and Dental Hygienist

Effective August 1, 2011

Dental Reimbursement Rate Change and Prior Authorization Required for Certain Services

Effective August 1, 2011, dental, denturist, oral surgeon, and dental hygienist provider reimbursement rates will be reduced. The reduction will change the conversion factor from \$32.75 to \$31.27.

In state fiscal year 2010, a 2% provider rate increase was implemented with one-time-only funding appropriated by the 61st legislative session in 2009. This one-time-only funding was not included in the budget base for state fiscal year 2012, and the finds were not appropriated by the current 62nd legislative session. Reimbursement for 'by report' procedure codes will continue to be at 85%.

Also effective August 1, 2011, prior authorization will be required for veneers (Codes D2960, D2961, and D2962). A statement of medical necessity will be required for each needed procedure before delivering each service. The prior authorization process remains the same and is outlined in the provider manual on the Provider Information [website](#).

The new fee schedule which includes age ranges, limits and prior authorization requirements per procedure code is also posted on the Provider Information website.

Reminder

Updates have been made to the *Covered Services* and *Limitations and Orthodontia Services and Requirements* chapters in the *Dental and Denturist Program* manual to include all notices and clarifications posted in 2009, 2010, and early 2011. Refer to the replacement pages on the website dated April 2010 for more information.

Prior authorization remains in effect for crowns. Limits have been established for adults age 21 or older for porcelain fused to base metal crowns (Code D275 1) with prior authorization, limited to two per person per calendar year, total. Second molars (2, 15, 18, and 31) will receive base metal crowns only (Code D2791).

Contact Information

For policy questions, contact Jan Paulsen, Dental Program Officer, at (406) 444-3182.

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations:

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Visit the Provider Information website:

<http://medicaidprovider.hhs.mt.gov>